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SUBJ: ROMANIAN INTERVENTIONS ON BEHALF CHILEAN LEFTISTS

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1. ROMANIAN PRESS OCTOBER 4 HIGHLIGHTS CEAUSESCU'S APPEAL TO UNGA PRESIDENT BENITES AND UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM ON BEHALF CHILEAN CP LEADER CORVALAN AND OTHER LEFTISTS BUT OMITTS ANY MENTION OF PARALLEL APPEALS AT UN BY USSR AND OTHER COMMUNIST STATES AND LEAVES IMPRESSION ACTION WAS ROMANIAN INITIATIVE. AS RESULT, PRESS IMPLIES, BENITES SENT CLEMENCY REQUEST AND WALDHEIM MADE AN "APPROACH" TO JUNTA.

2. PRESS ALSO REPORTS SEPARATE CEAUSESCU "MESSAGE" TRANSMITTED TO "CHILEAN AUTHORITIES" THROUGH "ROMANIAN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO AND CHILEAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN BUCHAREST" EXPRESSING "DEEP CONCERN" OVER DANGER TO CORVALAN'S LIFE AND ASKING THAT JUNTA DROP CHARGES, AVOID ACTS ENDANGERING HIS LIFE, AND PERMIT HIM TO EMIGRATE TO ROMANIA WHERE POLITICAL ASYLUM WILL BE ACCORDED HIM. MESSAGE ALSO ASKED CHILEAN AUTHORITIES TO "SAVE" OTHER

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"DEMOCRATIC PERSONALITIES" AND "REPRESENTATIVES OF

PROGRESSIVE FORCES."

3. ACCORDING TO SOVIET EMBOFF (PESHCHERSKY), ROMANIAN MFA CALLED IN REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES IN BUCHAREST OCTOBER 3 AND ASKED THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO JOIN IN AN APPEAL TO POPE PAUL TO INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF CORVALAN. SOURCE ALSO EXPRESSED SOME PUZZLEMENT AT THIS ROMANIAN INITIATIVE, WHICH HAS NOT, OF COURSE, BEEN PUBLISHED.

4. ROMANIAN JOURNALIST AND QUASI-OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN NICOLAE LUPU TOLD CHARGE OCTOBER 3 THAT HE UNDERSTANDS IT IS NOW GOR POLICY NOT RPT NOT BREAK RELATIONS WITH CHILE EVEN IF ALL OTHER "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES SHOULD DO SO. LUPU RECALLED GOR'S INDEPENDENT DECISION TO KEEP TIES WITH ISRAEL AFTER 1967 ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT WHEN OTHER COMMUNIST STATES BROKE WITH TEL AVIV.

5. COMMENT: TRANSMITTAL OF CEAUSESCU'S "MESSAGE" TO SANTIAGO THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND ITS REFERENCE TO "CHILEAN AUTHORITIES" COME CLOSE TO PUBLIC DE FACTO RECOGNITION OF JUNTA. CHARACTERISTICALLY, GOR IS SEEKING TO RETAIN ITS INDIVIDUALITY WHILE WHOLEHEARTEDLY JOINING IN USSR-LED SAVE-CORVALAN CAMPAIGN. IN COMMUNIST CIRCLES, GOR CAN ARGUE THAT ITS CONTINUED DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE IN SANTIAGO COULD BE USEFUL TO COMMON OBJECTIVE BY SERVING AS SOME BRAKE ON REPRESSION OF LEFTISTS.  
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